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## GIRLS OF WESTERN WILL HOLD GAMES

Closed Meet in the School Gymnasium Next Week.

## NO PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Tourney Is an Innovation, But if Successful Will Become Annual Fixture—To Enlist Seminars.

The girls of Western High School are becoming enterprising in athletics. They are now trying to induce the boys. On or about the 13th of February they intend to hold an athletic meet in their gymnasium at the school. As yet they have arranged no fixed program for the occasion, but present indications point to an interesting exhibition.

Although no records may be broken, it will do quite a good deal toward making such events a fixture in the city. This meet is the first of its kind that has ever been held in Washington, and all of the high school girls who have athletic aspirations are taking a deep interest in the innovation.

To Become Annual.

If this meet should prove a success it will be the beginning of regular events among the girls held every year, just as the boys have their annual meet.

It has not yet been learned whether girls from the other schools will compete in the coming meet or what the events will be. It is thought, though, that there will be sprinting and exhibitions on the rings and horizontal bars and lighter tests of strength. After the meet is over the Western basketball team will play the Technical girls.

To Form Association.

While this meet will only be a small affair, there is no reason why others of the same sort should not be held. It has been suggested that all of the schools form an association and hold regular meets. If this could be done—and it could easily enough—in a year or so the affair would become a fixture or so the affair would become a fixture or so the affair would become a fixture.

## MANY FLOWERS FOR PITTSBURG PHIL

Remains of Plunger at Mother's Home, in Pittsburgh—Funeral From Avalon Tomorrow Afternoon.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 4.—In the front room of his mother's home, 1709 Irwin avenue, Allegheny, rests a casket bearing the remains of George E. Smith (Pittsburgh Phil).

The room is piled from carpet to ceiling almost with floral offerings, which began to arrive early yesterday before the body reached Pittsburgh. They came from his former business friends and from those who had played with George Smith years before he became a great plunger.

It was a sad home-bringing for Mrs. Elizabeth Downing, mother of the famous plunger. She had left him apparently on the high road to recovery two weeks ago, but now he was brought back to the home dealing with death. The little mother stood in the front room alone among the flowers as they brought in the casket of her son. The attendant unscrewed the face plate, revealing the still, cold features of her boy, then went out and left her alone with him for a short time.

The body arrived during the afternoon, and before 9 o'clock tonight hundreds of those who had known "Pittsburgh Phil" in life passed through the room and looked at the dead. He will be buried from his mother's home, at Avalon, tomorrow afternoon.

## GRAND CIRCUIT DATES ANNOUNCED BY STEWARDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—At a meeting of the stewards of the grand circuit, at the Waldorf-Astoria, a schedule for the coming trotting season was adopted. The new schedule includes Cleveland, which has been out of the circuit for two seasons, and has been the subject of much discussion because of being dropped. The week of July 31 and August 5 has been allotted to the famous Cleveland, where Maud S. made her record of 2:08 1/4, to a plain axle, high-wheeled sulky, which stood for nineteen years.

## O'DEA CUTS WISCONSIN CREW SQUAD IN HALF

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 4.—Coach Andy O'Dea, of the Wisconsin University crew at Madison, has cut down the number of men who came out for the freshman crew from about eighty to forty. This gives him a crew to work with now until the time when the crews get out on the water, when he will again reduce the number to about twenty—that is, the first and second freshman crews and the substitutes.

The varsity crew and the freshmen are working on the machines. A large number of men are out for the varsity, and prospects look good for this branch of athletics at Wisconsin this season.

The Philadelphia fraternity of sporting writers will give a complimentary dinner to the managers of the rival ball teams of that city at the Bellevue-Stratford on February 13. Billy Shettsline, of the Phillies, and Connie Mack will respond to toasts and dope out the prospects of the respective teams for next summer.

## SKATING TOURNEY WON BY AMERICANS

Dead Heat in Half Mile at Montreal.

## 880 YARDS BACKWARDS

In Nearly All Events in Championships Men From This Country Were Victorious.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—Morris Wood, the Verona, Lake champion, and J. J. Forrester, of Niagara, carried off the honors of the combined American and Canadian speed skating championship meeting here today, by skating a dead heat in the 880-yard match, covering the distance in 1 minute and 22 seconds. Wood won the run off very easily.

The Summaries.

One mile professional—N. Baptie, North Dakota, first; J. Nielsen, Minneapolis, second; Harley Davidson, third. Time, 2:48-2-5.

Two miles professional—J. Nilsson, Minneapolis, first; N. Baptie, North Dakota, second; H. Davidson, Winnipeg, third. Time, 6:03-1-5.

Three miles amateur—Morris Wood, Verona, Lake, first; B. Spencer, M. A. A. second; F. Logan, St. John, N. B., third. Time, 9:22-2-5.

880 yards, amateur; final; dead heat—J. Forrester, Niagara, first; B. Spencer, M. A. A. second; E. McGee, Montreal, third. Time, 1:24.

Half mile (for boys twelve years and under)—Russell Wheeler, M. A. A. first; D. L. Young, Montreal, second; C. Duncan, Prince Arthur Rink, third. Time, 1:42-4-5.

Hurdle Race.

220 yards hurdle—F. J. Robinson, West End, M. C. A., Toronto, first; Bulmer, M. A. A. second; E. McGee, Montreal, third. Time, 0:32.

One mile amateur—J. J. Prince, St. John, N. B., first; Morris Wood, Verona, Lake, second; A. Bulmer, M. A. A. third. Time, 1:31-2-5.

## NINETY CANDIDATES FOR SYRACUSE CREWS

Orange Oarsmen Will Try to Bring Back Three Trophies From Poughkeepsie Regatta.

SYRACUSE, Feb. 4.—Ninety enthusiasts responded to the call issued at the beginning of the week for candidates for Syracuse varsity and freshmen crews which are to race at Poughkeepsie next summer. Of this number about sixty are freshmen and all eager to pull the Orange flag to victory.

The freshmen are a husky lot and should be able to give a good account of themselves. Last year, with only about thirty men to pick from, the Orange developed a crew that ably combated with the older rivals. With sixty to pick from he intends to repeat the trick this year. Because last year's victories were regarded as flukes by many, Ten Eyck will put forth extraordinary efforts to convince the skeptics that last year's victories were the result of his hard work. A victory this year will discredit the fluke theory.

There are about eight candidates trying for the position of coxswain. Among this lot there are several who weigh in the neighborhood of 160 pounds.

The new four-oar shell has arrived and the committee has accepted same. Ten Eyck, especially, is pleased with it, as he has introduced several innovations which will tend to increase the speed. As this is the first time that Syracuse has entered a four-oar crew in the Poughkeepsie regatta, she will try to crown her earlier efforts with glory.

Ten Eyck developed two wonderful crews last year. This year he intends to bring the three trophies to Syracuse. The men will begin work on the machines immediately after the midweek examinations. Captain Dempster will devote his time coaching the freshmen and the most likely will pass into the care of Ten Eyck.

## WEST POINT CAPTAIN DEFENDS FOOTBALL

WEST POINT, N. Y., Feb. 4.—A. G. Gillespie, captain of the West Point football team, says: "The conclusion that football is not moral and is an unwholesome sport should not be drawn because a few acts on the field have been 'unfortunate and mean.' These may occur and have occurred in any form of sport depending upon its nature and the individual caliber of the contestants."

"Football, it is true, offers a somewhat greater opportunity for their occurrence. The desire to overcome an opponent is just as great as is the individual resource and self-reliance of the player. I have observed football players here for three years, and apparently not one of them is less moral nor any less a man now than when he began. A victory effected upon the players has certainly not been debasing."

Immediately after the close of the regular season, Brown University will gather together Dave Fultz, Billy Launder, Mike Lynch, Buff, Gammons, Robinson, and Phillips, and other alumni who are at present playing in the big leagues, and pit them against the present varsity team. Since the Brown committee decided last spring that it was better to have a representative amateur team than an outfit of semiprofessionals, as had been the rule before at the Providence university, the varsity team has gradually become stronger, and should be able to give the "old uns" a stiff fight in the exhibition game. The disqualifications of Mike Lynch and a number of other professionals last year took practically the whole body out of Brown's team, and it was necessary to depend almost wholly on the freshman class for nine men, but several promising players were found, and a victory over the champion Princeton nine was glory enough for the first real amateur team Brown had in years. It sometimes pays to clean shop, especially when college is too open to get away with its pros.

## JAMES E. FIELD



AGRICULTURAL BOWLER.

## Personal Comment on Men and Things in the Field of Sports

Baseball.

Tom Connolly has signed a contract to umpire in the American League next season.

In sending in his signed contract to the New York management Al Orth said that he weighs 208 at present, and is in better condition than he has been at this time in previous years. He will report when Griffith calls together the Yankees, and will be with the troupe throughout the Southern training trip.

The candidates for the Notre Dame team were among the first players to begin practice for next spring. Harry Knott called the squad last week, and is putting them through a course of sprouts in the university gymnasium.

It would not be a bad idea for the new members of the local team to make an effort to get Lafayette Park, Norfolk, for the use of the erstwhile Senators for preliminary training purposes. This field is owned by an independent company of Norfolk, and will not be in use during the time set for the Southern trip of Manager Stahl's men. The field is one of the most desirable in the South, and would be one of the best places that could be obtained for early training purposes.

Another one of Clarke Griffith's New York American ball tossers will shortly come into the fold. Big Jack Gangel, the catcher, has failed in his efforts to obtain control of the franchise of the Grand Rapids club, and has retired to Gotham that he is ready for terms. Whitney, the K. I. T. League pitcher, who was drafted by the Highlanders last year, has returned to his old team, and will be ready when the call sounds for the departure for Southern climes.

Pitcher Sessions, of last year's St. Paul team, has signed with the Boston Americans. This gives Jimmy Collins seven twirlers for next season, but it is doubtful if some of the new blood can last through the preliminary training in the South.

President Shettsline says if it gets much colder he will issue an order for the Phillies to start South immediately.—Philadelphia Record.

Another retirement story was knocked in the head yesterday when Duke Farrell signed for next season with the Boston Americans. All winter there have been reports that the Duke intended to quit the diamond and settle down to another business. He has been taking a course of gymnasium work during the last couple of months and finds that he has reduced his weight considerably and should be in fairly good condition by the time the champions are called together in the spring. He will take the trip South with the team, and if he holds his own he will be allowed to retire.

Duke has certainly had a fine career on the diamond since he played with the Wagner outfit which represented the city in the 90's, and his services on the Southern trip as coach for the young pitchers will be invaluable to Jimmy Collins' pennant chasers.

## Boxing and Wrestling.

Buddy Ryan, the welterweight champion, has returned to Chicago from the East, and is making an effort to get a match with Dick Fitzpatrick, at 142 pounds.

By his decisive victory over Tom Jenkins at Cleveland the other night, Frank Gotch clearly asserted his right to the title of premier wrestler of America at General effects were found, and a victory had easily the better of it after the first fall, and there was no doubt in the minds of those who saw the bout as to the supremacy of Gotch over his opponent. Jenkins weighed in at 222, while Gotch was twelve pounds lighter.

Jimmy Briggs, the Chelsea boxer, has arranged a hard schedule of matches for the present month. On Tuesday he meets Willie Lewis, at Chelsea, and on the 14th Johnny Burdick, at Springfield, at Portland the following week he will go against Kid Sullivan, the Washington scrapper, and then come matches with Belcheld Walcott, at Lewiston, Me.; Arthur Cote, at Portland, N. H.; and Chick Monahan, at Brocton.

It's about time the fight promoters in Philadelphia had gotten on to Jack O'Brien. In his match with Willie the other night the Quaker yelled foul, quit the fight, and then started in again. This sort of work will not help the game a bit.

It seems that Kid McCoy will never shake off his troubles. Just when the Hoosier was in condition to fight Twin

Sullivan he was taken sick and compelled to cancel the match. He has partly recovered lately and now comes a report from Providence that Idiola Arnold, a sprightly young miss, who has been playing with the "Wizard of Oz" show, has filed a petition in the supreme court of Rhode Island asking for an annulment of her marriage to the Kid in December, 1903, on the ground that the ceremony was a fake. It is claimed that a friend of McCoy represented himself to be a clergyman and that Miss Arnold's "youth and inexperience were traded upon and that she was deceived into the belief that the marriage was legal."

Football.

Columbia is making an effort to get Yale to play in New York on election day, but thus far has been unsuccessful. There is a feeling at New Haven that Columbia should be dropped, and it seems likely that unless the Gothamites agree to what the Elis say there will be no game between the institutions next fall.

It is understood that in arranging its schedules for next fall George Washington will add several strong teams to the list, as it is thought that last fall's showing warrants the Buff and Blue moving up a peg. This is a mistake. What success Washington had last fall was due to the fact that she played weak teams in the early part of the drafting season, has returned his signed contract to Griffith, and will be ready when the call sounds for the departure for Southern climes.

The members of the Central High football team should get together and elect a captain for next fall. All the other local schools have selected their leaders, and the blue and white could improve their chances for next season by holding a meeting and choosing a captain in order that preparations for the coming season can be begun at once.

## Bowling Enthusiast CONTRIBUTES POETRY

The following poem has been contributed by a bowling enthusiast:

(Dedicated to T. R. F.)

Oh! Fitzzy is the greatest man upon this earth today.

His name has travel'd far beyond the sea.

He's known from Patagonia to the north of the Arctic Bay.

As well as he is known to you and me.

'Tis he who introduced to us the good old bowling game.

And taught us all the way it should be roll'd.

But for him we'd be tailenders in the race for bowling fame.

Oh, Fitzzy, he is worth his weight in gold.

Chorus:

Hurrah, hurrah for Fitzzy, he's the captain of our team!

Hurrah, hurrah for Fitzzy, he's the greatest ever seen!

In all the great Department League and District League, I swear,

You'll only find one Fitzzy—he's the captain of our team.

Before we made him captain we could never win a game.

Although we'd try and strive with all our might.

But since he's taken hold of us—it seems just like a "drame."

We're capturing everything that comes in sight.

We beat the great Interiors, we beat the Bureaus, too.

We gave the Navy Yards the hal' hal' hal'.

And the credit all is Fitzzy's, for he told us what to do—

Hurrah, hurrah for Fitzzy, hip, hurrah!

Chorus—Hurrah, hurrah for Fitzzy, etc.

## MARSHALL PUTS OFF PLAY UNTIL TUESDAY

PARIS, Feb. 4.—F. J. Marshall, the Brooklyn chess player, who is engaged in a chess match for the championship of the world with D. Janowsky, of this city, this morning sent a message to the president of the Cercle de Philadelphe, saying that owing to indisposition he would not play the game set for today. Play will be resumed on Tuesday next.

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## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

"Weather conditions—In case of rain, snow, high wind, extreme heat or extreme cold, a contest may be indefinitely postponed or transferred to a classroom."

"Preliminaries—When a team appears on a field for a contest, it shall greet opposing team with the Chautauqua salute, which consists of waving the handkerchief. After this a few minutes of social intercourse, including the exchange of books and writers, may precede the opening of the game.

"Substitute for 'the toss'—Instead of tossing a coin to determine which side gets the ball, the two captains shall be called upon to extract the cube root of a number given out by the professor of mathematics. The captain who is first to hand in the correct solution gets the ball.

## EXHIBITS A FOSSIL.

"Advancing the ball—The ball having been placed in the center of the field, the umpire, who must be a professor of geology, exhibits to the team having possession of the ball a fossil. All members of the team who think that they can name the geological period to which the fossil belongs hold up their right hands. The umpire selects a player to name the period. If he answers correctly, he advances the ball two yards. If in addition, he gives the scientific name of the fossil, he advances the ball five yards. If no member of the team can answer the question, the professor of the umpire, the opposing team shall be given a trial. If successful it is given the ball.

"Rotation of umpires—After each touchdown there shall be a change of umpires so that the questions asked of a team may, during the progress of a long and exciting game, cover the class work in zoology, applied metallurgy, veterinary science, Sanskrit, obstetrics, and other useful studies.

## OFFSIDE PLAYS.

"Offside plays—Any player who makes a grammatical error, mispronounces a word, or seeks assistance from a fellow student shall be deemed guilty of an offside play and his side shall be penalized at least five yards.

"Substitute for kicking goal—After a touchdown has been made, the team making it shall be credited with five points and the captain of the team shall translate 50 words of Caesar's commentaries. If he does so without an error his team is given an additional point, the same as if a goal were kicked. If he fails the ball goes to the opposing team on the 25-yard line.

## BLINDFOLD "IT."

"Resuming play—On resuming play after a touchdown, one of the players to be known as 'it' is blindfolded and the other players join hands, and circle around him, singing:

"London bridge is falling down, Falling down, falling down, London bridge is falling down, So farewell, my ladies!"

"While the players are circling about, the player known as 'it' touches one of the other players in a gentlemanly manner and asks him three questions, which must be answered. Then he tries to guess the name of the player, and if successful, he picks up the ball and advances it fifteen yards.

"Conduct during the game—No pushing, scuffling, or boisterous conversation will be permitted. Both players and spectators must maintain absolute silence during the mental tests. These are probably wise, but require further elaboration, but as they are given herewith they are sufficient to start the game on a new and humane system."

The Western Union is slowly coming around since the crusade against supplying racing news last summer, and an office has been reopened at the New Orleans track.

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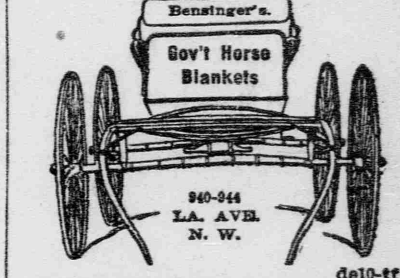
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